

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The resignation of Mr. Meginniss was accepted.

Mr. Lee gave notice that if the Committee on Revision and Compilation would at any later day of the session require the services of an additional Clerk to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Meginniss,—he would move the appointment of such Clerk.

Mr. Hammond submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal, that Mr. Bateman is detained from his seat by sickness ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Merrick, Chairman Select Committee, submitted the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred the inquiry “Whether it be practicable to divide the State into seven judicial circuits, and if practicable to report a plan of division,” have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that such a division cannot be made without at least one circuit being disproportionately large, and without imposing upon it an amount of judicial business which the Judges could not dispatch with efficiency. Being of opinion that no saving of expense by the proposed reduction could authorize such a division as might operate a denial of justice to some portion of the State, and that no better division can be made than the one recommended by the Judiciary Committee. We ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. M. MERRICK,

*Chairman.*

Which was read and accepted, and,

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, the Committee were discharged.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the Report of the Committee appointed to Report upon the Formation of a New County out of portions of Somerset and Worcester Counties.

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. Merrick,

The further consideration of the Report was postponed, and

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee upon the Judiciary Department.